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House of Representatives, March 12, 2007

**An Act To Clarify the Determination of the Applicable Assessment
Date for Certain Municipal Development District Projects**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BABBIDGE of Kennebunk.
Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and
Representative: CONNOR of Kennebunk.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5222, sub-§13**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 669, §1, is
3 amended to read:

4 **13. Original assessed value.** "Original assessed value" means the assessed value of
5 a development district as of March 31st of the tax year preceding the year in which it was
6 designated; except that for any district approved by the department prior to January 1,
7 2007 and in which all of the captured revenue is designated for municipal infrastructure
8 improvements, the applicable assessment date must reference the assessment as of the
9 March 31st of the prior calendar year.

10 **Sec. 2. Application.** This Act applies to those municipal development district
11 projects approved before January 1, 2007 in which all captured revenue is designated for
12 municipal infrastructure improvements.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill clarifies potential ambiguity in the definition of the term "original assessed
15 value" in the municipal development district law by making it clear that the reference date
16 is made with regard to the prior tax year rather than to the prior municipal or calendar
17 year for those projects that were based on the prior language and that funded only
18 municipal infrastructure improvements.